



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 12

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Substitute House Bill No. 5079

House of Representatives, March 8, 2002

The Committee on Environment reported through REP. STRATTON of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LOCALLY-GROWN FARM PRODUCTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-38 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

3 Only farm products grown and eggs produced in Connecticut shall
4 be advertised or sold in Connecticut as "Native", "Native-Grown",
5 "Connecticut-Grown", "Local", "Locally-Grown" or under terms of
6 similar import. Any person, firm, partnership or corporation
7 advertising farm products as "Native", "Native-Grown", [or]
8 "Connecticut-Grown", "Local" or "Locally-Grown" shall be required to
9 furnish proof that such products were grown or produced in
10 Connecticut if requested to do so by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
11 Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined
12 not more than twenty-five dollars for each violation.

This act shall take effect as follows:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>
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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The legislation will not increase the workload of the Department of Agriculture, nor is an increase in revenue anticipated from the \$25 dollar maximum fine. No fines have historically been collected due to violations of Sec. 22-38 of the CGS.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill explicitly bars farm products or eggs from being sold or advertised as "local" and "locally grown" unless they were grown or produced in Connecticut. By law, use of "native," "native-grown," "Connecticut Grown," and other similar terms is already subject to this restriction. Under this bill, if the agriculture commissioner asks, any person or business that uses "local" or "locally grown" in advertising or selling must prove that they grew or produced their products in Connecticut. Violators are subject to a fine of not more than \$25.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

COMMITTEE ACTION

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